

Calfed Bay-Delta Program

I am not going to repeat a bunch of statistics. They are available on the Internet. They can also be manipulated to make any Calfed plan seem acceptable.

I am going to tell you what I've come to believe after reading those statistics.

We cannot save the Bay/Delta ecosystem and provide a reliable water supply for the farmers and urban residents of Northern California by shipping more water South.

The truth is that Southern California will never have enough water. Not even if we have 3 El Nino years in a row. The more water is carried south by man-made canals and aqueducts, the more will be demanded by developers and agribusiness.

If Calfed decides to build the Peripheral and 23 smaller canals, our wetlands will dry up. Predetermined shipments to Southern California will be mandatory in wet or dry years. Rivers that keep the Bay/Delta healthy and provide quality water for our farms and towns will carry water away from us. Neighboring farmers will end up stealing groundwater from each other. The largest estuary on the West Coast of North America will end up as a toxic, stagnant graveyard for fish, birds and recreational boats.

Now is the time to move away from the old fixes, the costly dams, the sterile canals and reservoirs.

Let's give our rivers room to flow. Let's repair and stabilize existing levees. Let's learn to conserve water, use it more efficiently and wisely in cities as well as farms.

Californians are smart. They know Bay/Delta cannot be saved by more dams and canals. They know its damaged ecosystem is the result of dams and canals already built. They said no to Peripheral canal in 1982.

All of us, even Mr. Doolittle, know that dams do not make water. They collect it from rivers and streams and then change those into above ground sewers.

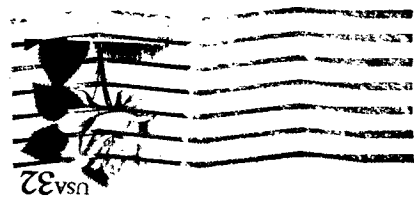
Please do not let Bay/Delta regions become another Owens Valley. Please come up with a plan which provides real economic incentives for conserving and protecting our valuable water supply.

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